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SUBJ: CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

1. AT REQUEST LEGAL COUNSEL, CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE MET AT UN-
PRECEDENTEDLY EARLY DATE AND ELECTED INGLIS (PHILIPPINES) AS
CHAIRMAN.

2. SENEGAL, TANZANIA, PRC, USSR URGED THAT COMMITTEE SHOULD
NOT MEET BEFORE MOST OF THE CREDENTIALS IN. SCHAUFLE AND
LONGERSTAEY (BELGIUM) URGED THAT SINCE COMMITTEE HAD BEEN
CONVENED IT MIGHT AS WELL APPROVE THE FORTY OR SO CREDENTIALS
RECEIVED TO DATE.

3. AFTER AFRICANS, PRC AND USSR PERSISTED IN URGING DELAY,
VENEZUELA SAID HE WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION TO REASONABLE
DELAY. CHAIR URGED AFRICANS TO INDICATE WHEN THEY WANTED
COMMITTEE TO MEET. FALL (SENEGAL) SAID FRIDAY, SEPT 27.
CHAIR ASKED IF THERE ANY OBJECTIONS AND NO ONE OBJECTED.

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4. PRIOR TO MEETING WE SOUGHT AND RECEIVED ASSURANCES OF VENEZUELA AND PHILIPPINES THAT THEY WOULD TREAT CREDENTIALS AS TECHNICAL MATTER AND VOTE IN FAVOR OF THOSE THAT WERE IN ORDER. THEY MAY COME UNDER PRESSURE BETWEEN NOW AND SEPT 27 AND WE WILL KEEP IN TOUCH WITH THEM.

5. ON OUR ADVICE KHMER HAS WITHHELD ITS CREDENTIALS IN ORDER AVOID PRECIPITATING KHMER FIGHT PREMATURELY.

6. COMMENT: IT UNCLEAR WHY AFRICANS SOUGHT STALL BUT WE INCLINE TO VIEW THEY SIMPLY CAUGHT BY SURPRISE AND HAVE NOT YET FIGURED OUT HOW THEY PLAN TO HANDLE SAG CREDENTIALS AND POSSIBLE BROADER QUESTION OF EXPULSION.
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